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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of February, 1985)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during February decreased by thirty-three land crews from the January total of 439. The marine crew total remained stable at forty-six for a total of 406 crews and vessels. A significant number of crews had contracts to work but could not due to abnormally heavy rains in some areas and snow in others.

The February total (406) represents a decrease of 8% from last month, a 16% decrease from February, 1984, a 10% decrease from February, 1983, a 40% decrease from February, 1982, a 33% decrease from February, 1981, a 13% decrease from February, 1980, and a gain of 16% over the same month in 1979.

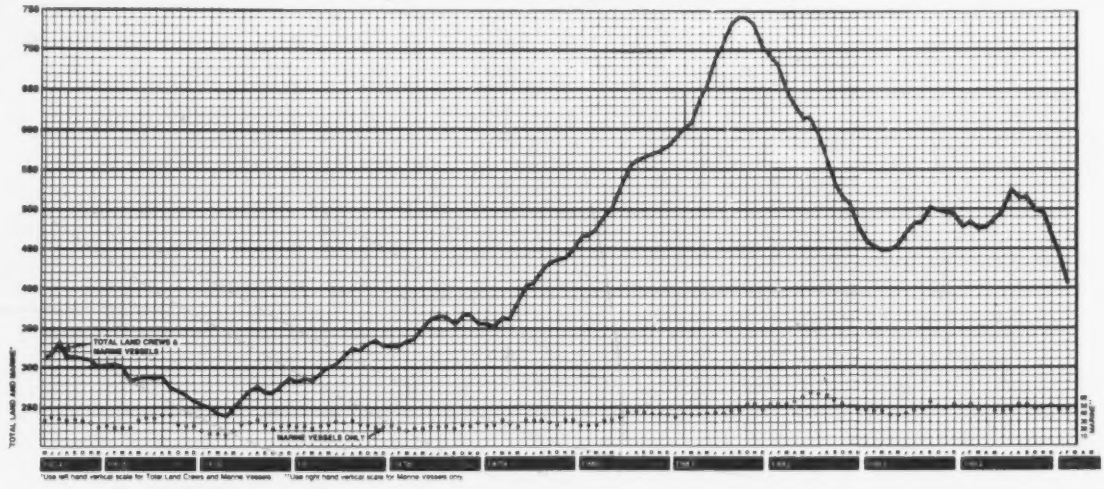
During February, ten contractors were operating twenty-three of the 326 land crews and seven of the thirty-eight vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Feb. 84	Feb. 83	Feb. 82	Feb. 81	Feb. 80	Feb. 79
	406	439	486	451	678	602	469	350

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979
74 Contr's:	326	358	396	362	582	520	401	284	38	39	45	40	46	34	24	22
10 Oil Co's:	34	35	37	42	43	41	39	37	7	7	8	7	7	7	5	7
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	360	393	433	404	625	561	440	321	46	46	53	47	53	41	29	29

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

February, 1985 (January figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
38 Contractors:	149 (120)	1 (0)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	152 (123)	1 (0)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
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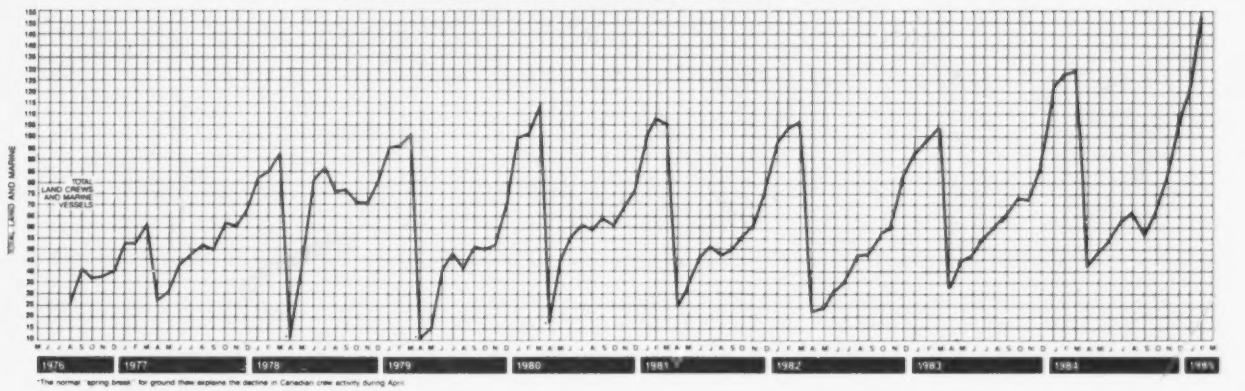
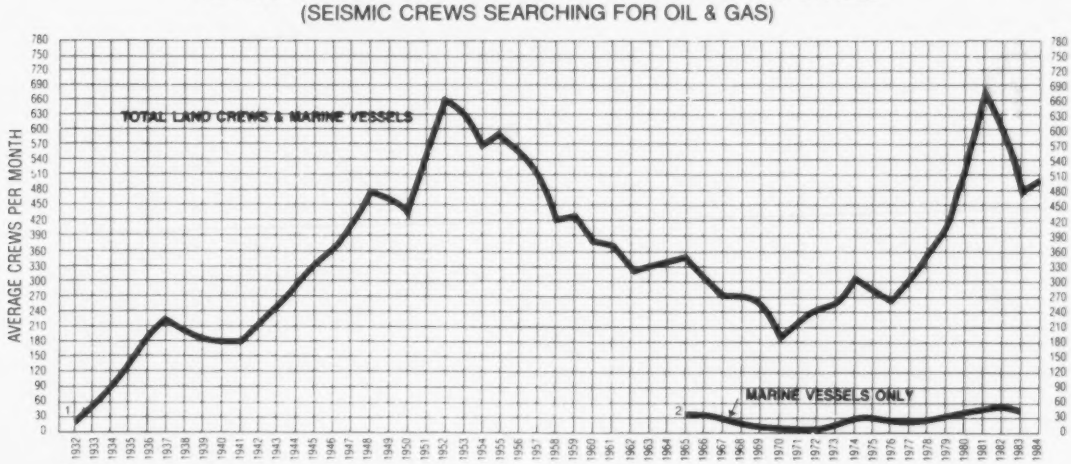


*The normal "spring break" for ground thaw explains the decline in Canadian crew activity during April

SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



[1]Data prior to 1932 unavailable
[2]Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965